

REMARKS

Claims 11 - 19 have previously been withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment, claim 1 has been amended and claims 2 and 5 have been canceled. Thus, claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 - 10 remain pending for further prosecution. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Kim et al. (U.S. Patent 6,232,563, hereinafter "Kim").

Applicants respectfully traverse the above rejection for the following reasons. Kim discloses an oxide layer¹⁸ formed on the side of the first bump 16 by thermal oxidation, as shown in FIG. 3D and described in column 3, lines 60-67. However, Kim fails to disclose, teach or suggest that "the second predetermined area is not cover by the insulating layer", in which "the second sidewall comprising a second predetermined area adjacent to the first predetermined area".

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable over the cited reference. Since claims 3, 4 and 6-10 depend from claim 1, Applicants further submit that these claims are also allowable for at least the reasons stated above. Also, since claims 2 and 5 have been canceled, the rejections thereto are now moot.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth above distinguishing the claimed invention from the cited prior art reference, Applicants submit that the Examiner's

rejection has been overcome. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow the present claims.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2394.

Respectfully submitted,

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